

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 1-16 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled without prejudice. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-16 are now presented for examination. The following remarks are in response to the final Office Action mailed on January 26, 2005.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 1-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over McCollum, U.S. Patent No. 6,427,168 (“McCollum”) and Smart Technology Enablers “SmartCIM to DMI Mapper” (“Smart”).

McCollum discloses “a method . . . that enables performance monitoring while using a centralized information source model such as CIM.” (col. 2, lines 6-8). The CIM interacts with a CIMOM, and “the CIMOM . . . *acts as proxy on behalf of a client process requests.*” (col. 5, lines 35-38; emphasis provided). “[T]hrough the CIMOM, *client processes are relieved of the burden of locating and directly managing a multitude of devices on the network.* Instead, the CIMOM hides the management complexity by distributing the request to the appropriate providers.” (col. 5, lines 61-65; emphasis provided).

Smart discloses a “SmartDMI to CIM Mapper [that] allows CIM management applications to operate on DMI instrumentations.” (page 1, 15-17).

Claim 1, in pertinent part, recites “a CIM to DMI provider to . . . consolidate the information received from the DMI service provider.” (emphasis provided). Applicants respectfully submit that neither McCollum nor Smart, individually or combined, teach or reasonably suggest such a feature. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the

withdrawal of the rejection to claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claims 9 and 13 contain limitations similar to those of claims 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9 and 13 and their dependent claims.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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